

Congress delegation meets LG Sinha, discuss public issues

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A high level delegation of JKPC met the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in Lok Bhawan Jammu, last evening and discussed wide range of issues of public concern.

A detailed memorandum was also submitted by the delegation who discussed the issue of Mubarak Mandi heritage and damages to the historic temple and other parts of the heritage complex.

The delegation sought his personal visit and directions for issuance of white paper on the protected monument of dogra history and symbol.

The delegation had a detailed discussions on a host of other issues highlighted in the memorandum.

The seven member delegation led by Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, comprised of Former minister Mula Ram, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Former Legislators Ved Mahajan, Th Balbir Singh, Smt Indu Pawar and Th Manmohan Singh.



The delegation took up issues of regularization of daily wagers, need based, all temporary, adhoc, contractual employees in time bound manner and sought a central package to solve their long pending demand for regularization and end uncertainty in their career.

The delegation also listed regularization of SPOs etc, recruitment in central para forces & police etc

They also discussed the issues of farmers & demanded amnesty for pending bills of power, water and irrigation charges.

The delegation supported the campaign against drug mafia and urged for continuous pressures on the menace. However the innocents should not suffer due to illegal de-

molitions without due process of law.

They raised the demand for early allotment of land for settlement of flood affected families whose houses were damaged due to land sinking.

delegation also sought review of land policy & to regularise the occupants on state land, for decades especially more than 30 years, as per limitation Act.

They also highlighted the problems being faced by the needy people in selling their land as per family exigencies, due to restrictions imposed by government in view of damages to Masavis (Land map) and urged for relaxations and expeditious preparations of Damaged masavis (Land maps) for smooth transac-

tions of land.

The delegation also sought early holding of over due elections to all tiers of Panchayat Raj institutions, as the entire funds are concentrated in few hands, in the absence of PRIs. However the delegation suggested the fresh delimitation of MC wards and DDC constituencies on war footing for rationalisation of population.

The Congress leaders urged for a bridge on the river to provide approach to Bhaird Devta at Nagrota, which was washed away in last year floods. A motorised boat was also demanded for time being in the pattern of one provided by Congress to the suffering people and students community.

Sat reviews Cooperative Cell programmes, calls cooperatives vital for public empowerment

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J&K BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma (CA) reviewed the activities and organizational programmes of the BJP Cooperative Cell during a meeting held at the party headquarters.

The meeting was attended by BJP Cells In-charge Ved Sharma, Cooperative Cell Convener Ankush Mahajan, Co-Convener K.L. Sharma, Ashok Sambyal, Karunesh Gupta, and other office bearers of the Cell from across Jammu and Kashmir.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, emphasized the crucial role played by cooperative institutions in strengthening society and promoting economic self-reliance. He said that cooperative societies serve as an effective medium for generating employment opportunities, particularly for the needy and economically weaker sections. He added that the cooperative sector acts as



an important bridge between the government and the people, ensuring that welfare schemes and developmental initiatives reach every section of society efficiently.

Sat Sharma stressed that the BJP Cooperative Cell must work proactively to spread awareness about various government schemes and motivate people to take advantage of opportunities available through the cooperative movement.

He said that the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to empower every

citizen through inclusive growth and community participation, and cooperatives have a significant role in achieving that objective.

Speaking on the occasion, Ved Sharma reviewed the work carried out by the Cooperative Cell during the last month and appreciated the efforts of its members. He also briefed the participants about the programmes being organized under the nationwide campaign marking "12 Saal Bemisaal - 12 Years of Trust, Development and Public Welfare" under the leader-

ship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He emphasized the need to maximize public participation in every programme so that the achievements and welfare initiatives of the government reach the grassroots level.

Ankush Mahajan, Convener of the BJP Cooperative Cell, conducted the proceedings of the meeting and assured the leadership that the Cell would work with full dedication to implement the party programmes at every level.

The vote of thanks was presented by K.L. Sharma.

Ishwar Ashram Trust hosts Global Kashmiri Pandit Heritage Tour Delegation in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JUNE 7:

The Ishwar Ashram Trust today welcomed delegates of the Global Kashmiri Pandit Heritage Tour and Conclave to its main ashram in Srinagar, marking a significant cultural and spiritual engagement aimed at strengthening the bond between the global Kashmiri Pandit diaspora and their ancestral heritage.

The visit was thoughtfully designed to provide participants with an immersive understanding of the spiritual philosophy, cultural traditions, and historical legacy preserved and promoted by the Ashram.

The programme commenced with a traditional Pooja at the main sanctuary, creating a serene and spiritually uplifting atmosphere for the gathering. This was followed by a special educational session conducted by Pran Nath Koul, who delivered an insightful discourse on the rich philosophical traditions and spiritual heritage of Kashmir.

To offer delegates a deeper historical perspective, Vijay Kumar Koul led a guided tour of the Ashram complex, highlighting its historical evolution, architectural significance, and enduring role as



a centre of spiritual learning and cultural preservation.

The international delegation also visited the Ashram's publication and book division, where they explored an extensive collection of scriptures, historical works, rare manuscripts, and philosophical literature reflecting Kashmir's rich intellectual and spiritual traditions.

Representatives of the Ishwar Ashram Trust stated that the delegates expressed deep appreciation for the preservation and educational initiatives

undertaken by the institution. Many described the experience as emotionally moving, culturally enriching, and spiritually inspiring.

The successful hosting of the delegation reaffirms the Ashram's commitment to serving as a global centre for the preservation and promotion of Kashmiri heritage, literature, philosophy, and spiritual consciousness.

The event concluded with an interactive session over traditional Tea Prasad, providing delegates with an opportunity

to engage directly with the Ashram's administrators, scholars, and members of the Trust.

The Ishwar Ashram Trust is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and dissemination of Kashmir's unique spiritual, philosophical, and cultural heritage. Through its centres, publications, educational programmes, and outreach initiatives, the Trust continues to connect seekers, scholars, and members of the diaspora worldwide with the timeless wisdom and traditions of Kashmir.

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Acting on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal and under the guidance of the Chief Medical Officer Dr Vinod Sharma, the Malaria Wing from the Office of CMO, in collaboration with the local Block Medical Office, conducted an extensive anti-malaria spraying drive across Thathri Town, today.

The initiative was undertaken as a preventive public health measure following the flash floods that affected the area approximately a week ago. The drive aimed to minimize the risk of vector-borne diseases by eliminating mosquito breeding and improving environmental sanitation.

Spraying operations were carried out in market areas, government offices, public places and residential localities to safeguard the health of the community and prevent the spread of malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases.

The Health Department reiterated its commitment



to protecting public health through timely preventive measures and appealed to the general public to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings, avoid water

stagnation and cooperate with the health teams during such drives.

The department also assured that surveillance and preventive activities will

continue in the affected areas to ensure the well-being of the residents and to mitigate any potential public health risks in the aftermath of the floods.

Natrang Stages Hard-Hitting Political Satire 'Topian'

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Natrang today presented the powerful political satire Topian, written by noted playwright Mani Madhukar and directed by Neeraj Kant, at Natrang Studio Theatre under its weekly Theatre Series 'Sunday Theatre'.

A highly relevant and timely production, Topian offers a sharp critique of opportunistic politicians who change their colours faster than a chameleon to remain in power. The play exposes how political leaders often adopt different ideologies, symbols and appearances to deceive the public, while their fundamental mindset remains unchanged. Through biting satire, the play highlights the theatrical skills, expertise and adaptability employed by such leaders to manipulate public opinion and secure their political interests.

The play reflects upon the many social and political revolutions witnessed throughout human history. While thinkers and philosophers have intro-



duced new political doctrines and governance models, the same faces often continue to occupy positions of power by merely replacing old masks with new ones. They change the colour of their caps, but not their intentions.

Set against the backdrop of two neighbours determined to transform the political landscape, the story follows their search for a genuine alternative. However, every individual they encounter appears in different caps and attire, offering new promises and manifestos.

Mistaking each appearance for a different ideology,

they repeatedly fall victim to deception. Over time, they realize that despite the lofty slogans of socialism and reform, inequality continues to grow, the quality of life deteriorates, and the security of life and property remains uncertain. Gathering courage, they finally expose the person behind the promises, only to discover that beneath the various disguises lies the same individual who had been misleading them all along.

Through this powerful metaphor, the playwright effectively conveys that politicians may change their symbols, alliances and appearances, but often remain driven by the same

lust for power. They can be friends and enemies simultaneously, changing equations and confrontations according to political convenience.

about the play Natrang Director Padamshiri Balwant Thakur said that the play is not just about individual characters, they represent larger social and political forces. The title character "Topian" itself becomes a symbol of changing identities, masks, and political opportunism. The "topi" (cap) functions as a metaphor for ideology, authority, and deception.

The absurdist nature of the play posed a significant challenge for the young actors of Natrang. However, their mature understanding and convincing portrayal of the characters won appreciation from the audience. The roles of the two neighbours were effectively performed by Kushal Bhat and Akash Wadhwan, while Aadesh Dhar provided strong support through his performance.

The lighting and music design were executed by Neeraj Kant, while the presentations were managed by Mahikshit Singh.

DDC Reasi assesses ongoing infrastructure works at Shiv Khori Shrine

REASI, JUNE 07:

District Development Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of development works undertaken at the Shiv Khori Shrine, including the helipad at Shiv Khori Bhawan and associated pilgrim-centric infrastructure projects.

The meeting focused on strengthening fire safety systems and enhancing emergency response preparedness at the helipad located near the holy cave shrine. Detailed deliberations were held to ensure safe and efficient helicopter operations, along with robust contingency arrangements for emergency situations.

The Assistant Director



Fire & Emergency Services briefed the chair regarding the essential fire-fighting infrastructure requirements at the site. It was informed that the construction of a water storage tank has been proposed to ensure adequate water availability for fire safety operations. Other critical fire protection measures and equipment requirements were also discussed.

The DDC directed the Executive Engineer PWD to prepare an estimate for levelling the area adjacent to the helipad and for the construction of a pilot room. Instructions were also issued regarding fencing of the helipad, construction of accommodations for security personnel, installation of an X-ray baggage scanner, CCTV surveillance system and

necessary facilities to strengthen operational safety and security.

The meeting further reviewed ongoing PWD works at the shrine and along the pilgrimage track. Discussions were held on the construction of cloak room, repair and blacktopping of the bus stand and establishment of waiting and dining hall at the shrine premises.

The DDC also directed the preparation of an estimate for the construction of an overhead shed from Ram Mandir to the upper track leading to the shrine to provide shelter and convenience to pilgrims. He emphasized that all drinking water points along the pilgrimage route must be properly maintained and kept functional.